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1. BRO REQUESTS DEA HEADQUARTERS TRANSMIT FOLLOWING TEXT  
SSOONEST FOR INFORMATION REGION 7. CHICAGO OFFICE, ATTENTION  
GROUP LEADER, TIMOTHY SACK.

2. THE FOLLOWING RELEASE APPEARED IN THE E BANGKOK POST  
NEWSPAPER PUBLISHED AT BANGKOK ON FRIDAY MORNING.  
22. FEBRUARY 1974. HEADLINE: "GROUND HOSTESS HELD IN  
HEROIN RAID" TEXT QUOTED VERBATIM AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE

A THAI INTERNATIONAL GROUND HOSTESS WAS NABBED AT  
DON MUANG YESTERDAY WITH 1,000 GRAMS OF NO. 4 HEROIN  
WORTH ABOUT SIX MILLION BAHT IN THE UNITED STATES WHICH  
WAS STUFFED INSIDE TWO CARTONS OF CIGARETTES AND DESTINED  
FOR THE U.S.

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THE HOSTESS' AUNT WAS ARRESTED IN A SEPARATE

RAID IN A HOUSE OFF CHARANSANIDWONGSE ROAD AS SHE WAS  
FLUSHING TWO HEROIN-STUFFED CIGARETTE PACKS DOWN THE  
TOILET.

AT THE SAME TIME, THAI POLICE CONTACTED THE U.S.  
FEDERAL DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION TO TRACK DOWN  
A THAI NATIONAL LIVING IN CHICAGO WHO WAS BELIEVED TO BE ON  
THE U.S. END OF THE NEW DRUG SMUGGLING RING.

NARCOTICS SUPPRESSION CENTRE OFFICIALS IN  
CO-OPERATION WITH DON MUANG CUSTOMS INSPECTORS ARRESTED  
THE THAI GROUND HOSTESS, 32-YEAR-OLD MISS ORAWAN ATTHAWUTH,  
AT ABOUT 10:30 A.M. YESTERDAY AS SHE WAS WEIGHING TWO  
CARTONS OF CIGARETTES.

A DETAILED CHECK REVEALED THAT EACH PACK OF  
CIGARETTES CONTAINED 50 GRAMS OF WHITE HEROIN NO. 4  
TOTTALLING ABOUT 1,000 GRAMS.

NARCOTICS OFFICIALS RAIDED HER HOUSE IN SOI  
SENANIKOM WHERE ORAWAN USED TO RESIDE BUT FOUND NOTHING.  
ORAWAN REPORTEDLY WAS A NATIVE OF CHIANG MAI.

IN ANOTHER RAID, POLICE AND NARCOTICS OFFICIALS  
ARRESTED 33-YEAR-OLD MRS. SOPHA RUCHIROJ, AUNT OF MISS  
ORAWAN, AT A HOUSE IN TROK WAT DI DUAD OFF CHARANSANIDWONGSE  
ROAD WHERE THE GROUND HOSTESS WAS RESIDING.

POLICE MOVED IN AS THE WOMAN WAS ABOUT TO FLUSH  
TWO PACKS OF CIGARETTES DOWN THE TOILET.

THE COUPLE WERE SUSPECTED OF SUPPLYING HEROIN  
TO MR. TAK PARBU, A THAI NATIONAL LIVING IN CHICAGO.

POLICE BELIEVE THAT THE NEW DRUG SMUGGLING RING  
HIRED FOREIGNERS TO COME TO BANGKOK AND ON THEIR WAY OUT OF  
DON MUANG, THEY WOULD PICK UP THE HEROIN-FILLED CIGARETTE  
CARTONS.

POLICE AUTHORITIES ADMITTED THAT THE RING MAY  
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HAVE SUCCESSFULLY SHIPPED SEVERAL CONSIGNMENTS OF HEROIN  
FROM BANGKOK TO THE U.S. IN THE PAST.

DURING SUBSEQUENT QUESTIONING, MRS. SOPHA DENIED  
ANY KNOWLEDGE OF THE DRUGS, CLAIMING THAT MR. TAK IN  
CHICAGO HAS OWED HER MONEY FOR A LONG TIME BECAUSE  
SEVERAL TIMES HE HAD BORROWED SEVERAL THOUSAND BAHT.

MISS ORAWAN HOWEVER, CONFESSED THAT SHE HAS  
TAKEN THE HEROIN-FILLED CIGARETTE CARTONS OUT OF THE  
COUNTRY SEVERAL TIMES BUT CLAIMED THAT HER AUNT WAS  
THE MASTERMIND IN THE RING. SHE DENIED ANY KNOWLEDGE  
OF WHERE THE DRUGS WERE OBTAINED.

MEANWHILE, POLICE CHIEF GEN. PRACHUAP SUNTRANGKON  
CONFIRMED THAT MR. TAK WAS THE MAIN PERSON IN THE U.S.  
RECEIVING THE DRUG SUPPLIES FROM THAILAND. HE SAID  
POLICE NOW HAVE EVIDENCE OF ALL THE CONTACTS BETWEEN  
BANGKOK AND CHICAGO.

THE TWO GIRLS WERE PUT IN SEPARATE DETENTION  
CELLS AT THE CRIME SUPPRESSION DIVISION LAST NIGHT.  
END QUOTE.  
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